

## Bills and Notes

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## BOOK REVIEW

*Bills and Notes.* William Everett Britton, Hornbook Series, West Publishing Co., 1943. Pages 1245, \$5.00.

It has been some years since the last publication of a handbook on the law of Bills and Notes. There has been a growing need for use by students of a single volume text on this subject. This book, one of the best of the Hornbook Series, will adequately fill that need. Most of the textbooks and source books on this subject seemingly have not been written to make the study of the law easier for the student. This volume clarifies the law for the student and makes it easier for him to understand the complicated facts and the intricate propositions of law which are encountered.

All the important problems for the student have been covered. Since the Uniform Negotiable Instrument Law has been in force for many years in all states, emphasis is placed upon statutory language and upon the decisions construing and applying the Act. Frequently, common law cases have been grouped together in the footnotes to distinguish them from cases decided under the Uniform Act. The common law cases, while frequently confusing to the student, have been cited when such references help to make clear the meaning of the statute or to give the historical background to the particular problem. The changes in the common law rules by the Act have been noted.

The propositions of law are stated clearly and understandably. The style of the book differs from the older Hornbooks. In treating many of the problems, the author has used the illustrative style. This creates a greater interest and helps the student to visualize the fact situations. In many instances, the manner of presentation is argumentative and thought provoking. This style is well adapted to the purpose of the book.

Law Review material has been extensively used. The footnotes are adequate and complete. Numerous cases are cited and a fair average briefly digested. There is an adequate table of cases and an index. The appendix might have included the Bank Collection Code and other related statutes. Only a few general headings are used in the Table of Contents. It is the hope of the publisher that this grouping will be less confusing to the student.

Professor Britton is to be commended on this scholarly work, which is recommended for student study of the law of Bills and Notes.

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